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SECTIONAL LAW MAKING

The first impression of a western man on visiting the east is that the country is under two different administrations. One is for the enforcement of the dry law in the wild and woolly west while the other extends protection to the section where the voting population is greatest. There is no such thing as prohibition in Chicago—if a man has the price. There is no liquor or prohibition in the jungles of New York or in any other city where the law is not enforced as it is in the bonanza west. For the asking a man can buy all day long and through the greater part of the night and share the diversion with a couple of policemen if he is willing to stand the gaff. Booze, the good, good old fashioned stuff that is seen only in the mansions of the west, is openly paraded and advertised in the east and it does not require a steel workers' union either to accumulate a fairly respectable rag. Here in the sagebrush a man is sent to the pen if he has a few raisins and a yeast cake set to soak in the family kettles but back east there is no excuse for resorting to this subterfuge. It's day all day in the day time, there is no night without its friendly mahogany support and the uplift of the brass footstool. Even the good old signs of the brass and his favorite goat are swinging from the sidewalks of the resorts; the sports love so well and there appears no diminution of business. To the man from any point west of the Missouri it is passing strange that the law should be enforced to the bitter extreme in one place and openly violated in another. If the eighth amendment were enforced in the east as it is enforced in Nevada there would not be any necessity for internal revenue agents going snooping around the pool room parlors in an effort to collect a few two bit pieces in payment of the luxury tax, while the cost of the service by the agents' salary runs in the hundreds of dollars. What's more, it appears to a man up the tree that enforcement of the law would bring in revenue enough to pay off the national debt and leave enough surplus to build a few more superdreadnaughts for the amusement of Secretary Daniels during his just fading term of office. We have no kick coming. The kick is kept on the other side of the Rockies and there is no reason for wondering why the government granted right of way to a railroad of champagne from California to the eastern convention city. The suggestion the Bonanza wishes to register is that the law be enforced universally or that thirsty citizens of the west be granted the same privilege as their eastern cousins. It is not playing their game square to make fish of one and fowl of the other.

GAG LAW IN THE POST OFFICE.

On the eve of the Democratic convention at San Francisco and on the opening of the national campaign, Postmaster General Burleson is beginning to fear the deluge of material provided by his department for the guidance of voters in making a choice of administration. Any clerk who dares open his mouth about the conduct of the post office is warned that he is subject to summary dismissal. The notice is given through an apparent desire of the Burleson followers to have nothing but "authentic" information to go out of their keeping. To say that a man or woman will be "summarily" dismissed means that either will be turned adrift without trial. If there is to be no trial it stands that the postmaster general or his exalted subordinates will be the sole judges of alleged infractions. The promulgation of this gag rule on the first day of the new presidential campaign recalls the gag rule issued by McAdoo when he was secretary of the treasury immediately upon his accession to office. He issued an order forbidding any of the subordinates in his department giving any information whatever regarding treasury affairs. This gag order applied to men in high positions who had been accustomed to give out official statements concerning the affairs of their bureaus. The McAdoo ukase roused such a protest from newspapermen and was keenly resented by the assistant secretaries that Mr. McAdoo was compelled to modify it. The new Burleson gag rule will undoubtedly rouse protest among postal employees, but the protest will probably not be made public by those who desire to retain their connection with the postal service. The summary dismissal which awaits the postal employee who gives out information which his superiors believe not to be correct is on par with the orders of the Directorate during the days of the French revolution were accustomed to order for the removal of those men in French public life whom they deemed a menace to continuance of their power. The order is likewise a convenient instrument for cleaning up the department without regard to civil service regulations. Any clerk or employee of Republican leanings can be deprived of his job without hearing or action other than the issuance of an order dispensing with his services. Nothing could be more effective in overriding the civil service law in maintaining the department on a basis of 100 per cent Democracy.

It will not be overlooked, in the excitement over other subjects, that the democratic legislature has rejected the woman suffrage amendment in Louisiana.

Senator Harding says that he has been preaching the doctrine of "work," "work" and now he is doing nothing but work. His advice is coming home to roost, so to speak, but he still thinks it good advice.

There are a great many democrats who have become sore at the administration for one reason or another," says former Senator Thomas Taggart, who must be considered good authority on such a subject.

A lot of men think they are philosophical when they are only crazy.

You can't lose an argument if you never begin one.

CHILEANS NOT TO HANDLE BOOZE

BUENOS AIRES, May 26. From Punta Arenas which is at the bottom of the world, where ships sail to weather the Straits of Magellan to leave supplies for the 35,000 inhabitants, comes a dispatch saying that the maritime workers of the port have resolved that in the future they will not unload any liquors containing alcohol. The antecedents of this prohibition movement are not disclosed, but the dispatch says: "This resolution has been arrived at on account of having been taken without warning the liquor merchants."

PAYS WINE TAX TO A BOGUS COLLECTOR

The 10 cent wine which was taken a short time ago on the premises of the owner of the 21st day of May has a somewhat interesting history. The owner of the premises, says the Sparks Tribune, the tax was collected at the rate of 10 cents a gallon. A special feature developed in connection with the case. It appears that some months ago the collector paid to a man by the name of Mayn, who represented himself to be a revenue officer, the tax on the wine that they had had. The amount was a little over \$3. They gave him a receipt at the time and believed that they had complied with the law in every way. However, when the receipt was shown to the revenue officers, it was ascertained by investigation that there was no man of that name at the revenue service and that the receipts given for same were fraudulent. Humboldt Star.

JAPAN MAKES PROGRESS IN SHIP BUILDING

TOKIO May 26.—Of all industries in Japan shipbuilding made the greatest progress during the war, reports the department of agriculture and commerce. Before the war Japan ranked sixth among the powers in the number of vessels. Last year she ranked in third place after the United States and Great Britain.



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OVERWORKED WORDS ARE GIVEN A REST

(Correspondence of Associated Press) PORTSMOUTH, Eng. June 7.—The use of the words "ladies" and "gentlemen" is to be discontinued in the parish so far as he is concerned, says the Rev. Bruce Carnford, in his parish magazine. "The words have now absolutely no meaning," he writes. "Foolish class distinctions should have no place in the church. Even the Master called His mother 'woman' while no one would insult St. Peter by calling him gentleman. The parochial council consists of men and women."

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